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JAMES M. FURMAN

Unselfish servant in the educational affairs of this nation, untiring in the enterprise of making real your vision of educational leadership; farsighted planner and builder for generations to come; and the very exemplar of the public servant.

You have skillfully balanced the paradox of consolidating educational planning and management while preserving and nurturing institutional autonomy; you have encouraged educational pluralism by supporting legitimate public, private, and proprietary institutions to develop and serve the state without disruptive competition; you have achieved state-wide fiscal accountability without damaging the central purpose of the academy--teaching, research, and public service.

James M. Furman, for your wisdom, skill, and accomplishment it is fitting that one of Illinois' newest universities--Governors State University--which you helped nourish and preserve, honors and salutes you.